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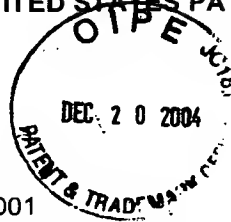
In re Patent Application of

Otto Z. Zhou et al.

Application No.: 09/996,695

Filing Date: November 30, 2001

Title: DEPOSITION METHOD FOR NANOSTRUCTURE MATERIALS



Group Art Unit: 1753

Examiner: Kishor Mayekar

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the

☒ \$395.00 (2801) ☐ \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

1. ☐ A. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered.  
Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.

☐ B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested:

☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:

- ☒ Amendment/Reply.
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☒ Other: Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131

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3. ☒ Small entity status is hereby claimed.  
☒ No additional claim fee is required.  
☐ The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Examination Fee (1801)					\$ 790.00
Total Claims		MINUS 20 =	0	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims		MINUS 3 =	0	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$360.00 (1203)					
Total Fee					\$ 790.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					\$ 395.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$ 395.00

4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 395.00 is enclosed for the fee due.  
5. ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.  
6. ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  
7. ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2004, Applicants request continued examination of the above-identified patent application and also request amendment of the above-identified patent application as follows: